

# Improving Health



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One of every four Afghan children dies before the age of five, and adults face an average life expectancy of only 46 years. The health status of the Afghan people is among the worst in the world.

USAID is working to improve the basic health and nutrition of Afghans, particularly women, children, and displaced persons. It is bringing basic services and health education to underserved communities, focusing on maternal and child health, hygiene, water and sanitation, immunization and control of infectious diseases. In these programs, women are the primary recipients of services, as well as providers of healthcare.

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- Rehabilitated 72 health clinics, birth centers, and hospitals.
- Provided funding to UNICEF to treat 700,000 cases of malaria.
- Vaccinated 4.26 million children against measles and polio, likely preventing some 20,000 deaths.
- Surveyed all health facilities and services; supported plans to expand basic health services for 16.5 million women and children and to rebuild 550 rural health centers.
- Provides basic health services to more than 2 million people in 21 provinces; 90 percent of recipients are women and children.
- Provides, through CARE, one-quarter of Kabul's water supply, focusing on the poorest districts.
- Is rehabilitating the water systems of Kandahar and Kunduz, which will provide water to 700,000 people.

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